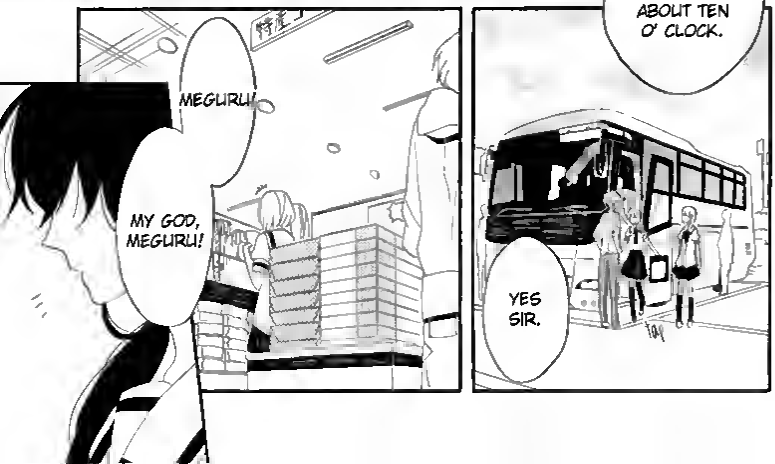
NI SERVICE AREA PRESIDENTIAL PARKING
chatter
chatter
chatter
SEPTEMBER 12TH, 9:30 AM
TODAY IS THE LONG-AWAITED SCHOOL TRIP!
バック・トゥ・ザ・ジャック

LISTEN -
YOU HAVE A 30 MINUTE RESTROOM BREAK.
御倉中学校修学旅行 御一行様
東京観光バス


I'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL ABOUT TEN O' CLOCK.
YES SIR.
MEGURU!
MY GOD, MEGURU!

thud
Wasabi Rice Crackers
WHAT?
turn
HUH?
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND
WOW, YOU TOTALLY TRASHED THE MERCHANDISE DIDN'T YOU?
THANK YOU!
E-EXCUSE ME!
AHHH!
YASHIRO'S BEEN OVER THERE. YOU WERE THINKING OF TALKING TO HIM, I'M SURE
AND WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

ISN'T THAT WHO YOU WERE SEARCHING AROUND FOR?
I-IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
IT'S GOOD ENOUGH HAVING HIM OVER THERE.
BLUSH
HOW ABOUT YOU JUST GIVE HIM A "WASSUP?
Arts and Crafts Corner
IN ANY CASE, HE'S OVER THERE IN THE ARTS AND CRAFTS CORNER.
NO WAY!
WHAT? DIDN'T YOU RESOLVE TO CONFESS TO HIM ON THIS SCHOOL TRIP?
YEEEAH...
I'VE BEEN PREPARING, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO IT.

I KNOW AND IF...
ugh
I DON'T KNOW!!
sigh
YOU REALIZE YOU'RE GOING TO REGRET LETTING TIME SLIP AWAY.
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT DURING CLASS CHANGE?
HEY, YA-SHIRO! WHATCHA LOOKING AT?
HM? OH.. THIS LAN-TERN'S -
grab
ALRIGHT THEN! COME ON!
W - KEI-CHAN!
Ugh, our teacher is such a burden..
HUH?
THIS WILL DO NICELY!
WHAT, PICKING OUT SOUVE-NIRS?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, TRUST IN ME, AS YOUR TEACHER!!

GOD, IN THE FUTURE,
I WILL BE ABLE TO TELL YASHIRO MY FEELINGS!
AND STILL, TIME GOES ON
tick
WELCOME!
chatter
BUT AGAIN
ONE LIGHTER.
chatter
AS EXPECTED, WITH THIS CROWD I WON'T BE ABLE TO CONFESS ..
WE SHOULD GET BACK TO THE BUS, MEGURU.
OKAY.
WE MADE IT JUST IN TIME.
OUR TEACHER SAID THAT A WHILE AGO!
IT'S OKAY. NOT EVERYONE'S COME BACK YET.
.....
HEY, MEGURU... WHO'S THAT PERSON BEHIND YOU?

HUH?
!!?
chatter
MEGURU !?
SHUT UP!
WHO ARE YOU!?
SOME-ONE! THE POLICE
BE QUIET!
GO ON UP THE STAIRS!

EVERYONE GET IN A SEAT!
BANG
DO ANYTHING FUNNY, AND I'LL KILL THIS ONE!
WH - WHAT...ON EARTH...IS THIS...?
click
SORRY, GIRL.
THIS
IS A BUS JACKING.

THIS IS LOVE'S OBSTACLE.
Back to the Jack
ORIGINAL WORK: SHINKIBA KOKI
ARTWORK: HAGIWARA DAISUKE
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BANG!
...THIS!
squeeeL
MEGURU, STOP!
CALM DOWN OR ELSE-!
HE'S GOING TO KILL YOU!
LET GO OF ME!
STOP, THAT HURTS! LET GO!
BANG!
MEGURU!
TO-
TOKIWA!
YOU MADE ME GET VIOLENT.
DAMN
thud

NO WAY.
AM I REALLY DYING?
THIS ... WAS I JUST NOW SHOT?
IF I CAN QUICKLY CONFESS HERE, THEN I'LL BE HAPPY...
TOKIWA!
AH!
TO ... WA!
-KI!
BUT THIS WAS JUST A NORMAL DAY!
LIGHT SHINING
IF ONLY I CAN GO BACK
TO YESTER-DAY, WHEN IT WAS PEACE-FUL.
9/12 TUESDAY 10:00 AM
IN TIME

chime
I---
NO.
STILL...

I DON'T WANT TO DIE YET!
I -
TOKIWA

Impossible
... THIS IS MY ROOM.
WAS I SAVED?

panting
pant
...
HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOUR SCHOOL TRIP IS TOMORROW, ISN'T IT?

I WAS SHOT ON THE SCHOOL TRIP, RIGHT?
WHAT HAPPENED AFTER THAT?
HUH?

MOM! MOOOO OOOM!
OH! MORNING, MEGURU.

THAT'S TODAY'S NEWS, ISN'T IT? HOW MUCH SLEEP DID YOU GET LAST NIGHT?
THAT'S?
YESTERDAY'S NEWS!?
GOOD MORNING! IT'S SEPTEMBER 11TH. THIS IS THE MORNING NEWS.
WHAT?
COMING BACK TO THE BUS JUST IN TIME, A STRANGE MAN CAME AND BUS JACKED US!
I DEFINITELY WENT ON THE SCHOOL TRIP AND HALFWAY THROUGH OUR RESTROOM BREAK IN THE SERVICE AREA,
... IMPOSSIBLE.
gulp

PR: Note: I'd be freaking out, but this chick? No, she thinks it's like a movie...
HOW INCREDIBLE IS THIS? IT'S LIKE A MOVIE...!!
IF THAT'S SO, I GOT SHOT AND USED MY IMAGINATION
DID I GO BACK IN TIME?
IT'S AN EMERGENCY! TOMORROW, AT AROUND 10 AM IN THE N1 SERVICE AREA,
THERE IS GOING TO BE A BUS JACKING!
AH! HELLO? IS THIS THE POLICE!?
I'M DELIGHTED FOR THIS!
POLICE!! POLICE!!
thump
THAT'S SO MEAN, MOM...
PLEASE STOP MAKING MISCHIEF.
THAT'S BETTER.
slap
NNGGH!

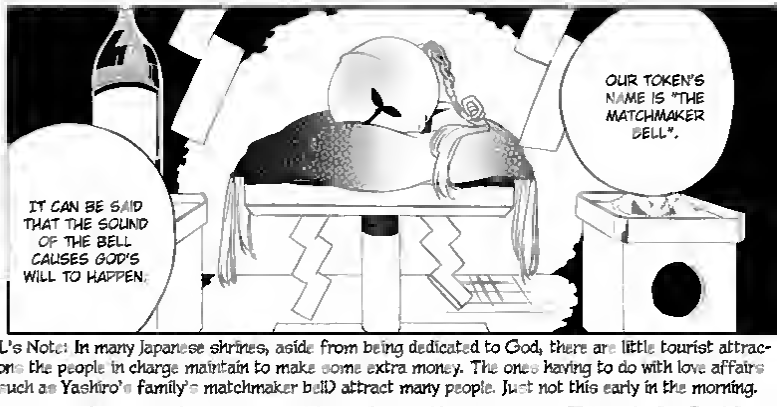
OKAY, SO I'M THINKING ABOUT AN IMPROBABLE STORY, BUT ---
TEN THOUSAND TO ONE, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN.
TEN THOUSAND TO ONE -
...TEN THOUSAND TO ONE THAT IT REALLY /DID/ HAPPEN.
BANG!
NO!
I KNOW I'M GOING TO DIE AND THERE'S NOTHING TO DO ABOUT IT!
smack!
AH, THAT'S IT.
I KNOW THAT THAT'S STILL GOING TO HAPPEN.
MORNING HAPPENED ---
FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENS TODAY IS THE SAME AS MY MEMORY OF YESTERDAY.
YUP
ISN'T THAT PROOF OF A TIME SLIP, THOUGH?
WELL, FOR THE TIME BEING...

RATTLE
RATTLE
G-GOOD MORNING, YASHIRO!
LAMB -- YOU.. REALIZE THAT'S A CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE, RIGHT?
GOD, PLEASE GIVE AID TO THIS PITIFUL LAMB.
YOU ARE SURELY A PROFOUND NEWCOMER TO THIS SHRINE THIS MORNING.
ISN'T IT TERRIBLE TO SWEEP ALL MORNING?
NO...
I came here to see you... Well, this and --
THAT'S A FALLACY
I'M THE ONE IN THE SHEEP'S POSITION, SO IT'S OKAY
I met him after all! Right down memory lane

What if I didn't see Yashiro at all when I died?
That'd be horrible
W-WHAT?
HEY, YASHIRO,
DO YOU THINK GOD GRANTS WISHES?
WISHES?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I MEAN, YOU THINK GOD GIVES US AID IN OUR LIVES?
DO YOU THINK HE'D LET US GO BACK IN TIME?

YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE ULTIMATE MATCHMAKER*.
SO WHAT I THINK YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD TO HAVE GONE SOMEWHERE
縁結び
良縁祈願
DID I GET IT ALL?

*T/L's Note: He's talking about God.



T/L's Note: In many Japanese shrines, aside from being dedicated to God, there are little tourist attractions the people in charge maintain to make some extra money. The ones having to do with love affairs (such as Yashiro's family's matchmaker bell) attract many people. Just not this early in the morning.

WELL...
SOMETHING ELSE ON YOUR MIND?
step
MATCH MAKING, HUH?
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN GOD SHOULD'VE PREVENTED THE BUS-JACKING.
YEAH
YOU'RE ONLY TALKING TO THE SON OF THE SHINTO SHRINE, SO
sweep
sweep
I'M NOT SURE IT'S GOOD TO EXPECT ANYTHING FROM GOD'S MASSEUSE.
PLEASE DON'T JUST PLACE MY WISH FOR AN ACCOMPLISHED LOVE ON THE SHELF
clap
God, please give your son to me.
EVENTUALLY, IF YOU USE YOUR OWN POWER IN SOME WAY,
sweep
GOD WILL ONLY GIVE YOU A CHANCE.
A CHANCE?

Or is it just my imagination?
What...was that just now? The sound of the bell...?
chime
!
TOSAWA, IS THERE A GUY YOU LIKE?
WELL, IS THERE...?
turn
H-HOW DO YOU KNOW FOR SURE
THAT THERE'S A PERSON I LIKE!?
PLEASE GOD, FOR MY INCOMPETENT LOVE, A CHANCE --!!

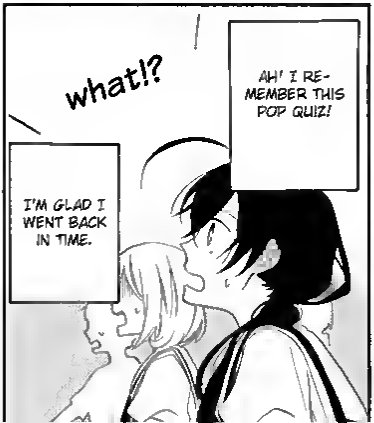
UH... NO --- WHAT I'M SAYING IS...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'RE NOT WITH A GIRL AT SCHOOL ARE YOU?
WELL, THAT'S GOOD.
I wasn't listening and now I'm confused, damn it!
NICE ONE, MEGURU!
NOOOOOOO!
WITH ALL THE UNREQUITED LOVE, YOU KNOW,
I THINK BEING ABLE TO CONFESS IS A JOKE
WELL
EVEN IF YOU'RE ABLE TO BE WITH THE PERSON YOU LIKE
OR WHATEVER
WHAT'S WITH YOUR FACE?

WELL, IF YOU DO HAVE A PERSON YOU LIKE, HERE'S THIS.
HERE'S A MINI MATCHMAKER BELL TO PROTECT YOU.
RUSTLE
WH-WHAT?
THEY'RE SOLD HERE
WELL, NEXT TIME COULD YOU BRING SOME OF YOUR FAMILY'S LEFT-OVER CAKE?
'CAUSE I'VE GOT A SWEET TOOTH.
OH, IT'S OKAY. IT'S NOTHING I BOUGHT IT, BUT, IT'S OKAY IF YOU HAVE IT.
HOW MUCH MONEY DO I NEED?
BUT...
I'VE GOT TO CHANGE MY CLOTHES SOON.
OH! I'LL SEE YOU AT SCHOOL LATER!
WELL, SINCE WE OWN A CAKE SHOP AND ALL...
NOD
THAT'S UNEXPECTED! MY FAMILY DOES TOO!
NOD

I IMMEDIATELY ATTACHED IT TO MY CELL PHONE ~
Chime
Chime
Flinch
BUT, YASHIRO BOUGHT THIS BELL BECAUSE HE ALSO HAS A CRUSH ON SOMEONE, RIGHT?
WITH THIS BAD START, I CAN ONLY CONFESS!
IF I'M TO DIE- I WON'T SNAP BECAUSE OF DEATH!
UGH!
HE COULDN'T HAVE RUN OUT OF BELLS.
WASN'T HIS LOVE ALREADY UNREQUITED?
NO...
I CAN'T ALLOW MYSELF TO DIE, BUT.
Chime

ARE YOU READY?
YOU GUYS HAVE YOUR CLASS FIELD TRIP TOMORROW, RIGHT?
YES
YES

I wonder if today will unfold the same as in my memory


what!?
AH! I REMEMBER THIS POP QUIZ!
I'M GLAD I WENT BACK IN TIME.

WELL, HERE'S A POP QUIZ!
SINCE WE'RE GOING TO KYOTO, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS.
BAM!

THIS TIME I'M LUCKY ---
THIS TIME I'M SURE TO GET A FULL 30 POINTS.
I EVEN REMEMBER THE ANSWERS
THE CORRECT ANSWERS ARE ALL "A"!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, TOKIWA? HAVE YOU ALREADY FINISHED?
With time to spare, I can think about the steps leading to the bus jacking
ISN'T THIS A BIT EARLY?
WHICH ARE YOU TRYING TO SHOW ME?
ADULTS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...
YOU KNOW EVEN WHEN YOU SPEAK, YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN ME.
WHAT IS THIS?
YOU THIS

T/S's note: If all the answers were "A" in my tests then I would've got full marks in school

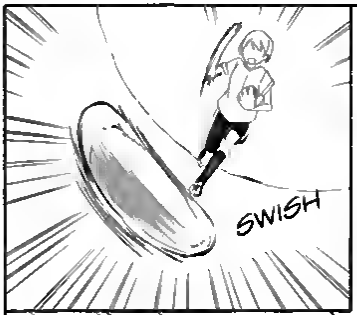
THAT ALL THE ANSWERS SHOULD BE "A".
MY MEMORY OF THE POP QUIZ WAS CERTAINLY
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?
OUT OF TEN QUESTIONS, YOU ONLY GOT THREE RIGHT!
NO WAY!!

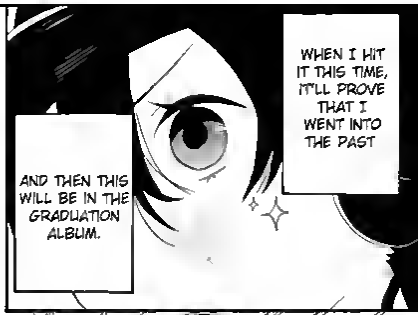
STRENGTHEN UP AND SWING HARD!
IT'S YOUR TIME TO HIT, SO TURN AROUND!
YOU SHOULD SPRING INTO ACTION IF YOU'RE GETTING READY TO HIT.
YOU MEAN?
WIN US A HOMERUN, OKAY!!
DON'T ACT LIKE A ROBOT! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO STRIKE, SO
rattle
UH - I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN THIS...
HERE GOES NOTHING!~
I'LL GO SWINGING!
YOU CAN'T SLIP UP, DON'T YOU SEE?
YASHIRO AND I HAVE KNOWN YOU SINCE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, SO
WITH MY SOFT ARM, I WON'T WI-
CRAZY, CRAZY
recoiling
I THINK I'VE FIRED UP THE YOUNG GIRL'S HEART.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THAT FOR...?
A SMILE WOULD BE NICE TOO
I DECLARE A HOMERUN FOR OUR TEAM!!

I GOT A DEAD BALL, DIDN'T I? . . THAT HURT

From my memories, this was clearly a soft ball!
But

IF I GET IT AND AIM FOR THE BALL THAT CAME FLYING THAT TIME
THEN EVEN I MIGHT BE ABLE TO HIT IT


SWISH


WHEN I HIT IT THIS TIME, IT'LL PROVE THAT I WENT INTO THE PAST
AND THEN THIS WILL BE IN THE GRADUATION ALBUM.

HERE IT IS!!
B
A
M!

THE BALL FLEW SO FAR, I CAN'T SEE IT FROM HERE!
WE'RE WINNING!
plonk!
RUN!
ALRIGHT! THIS'LL BE A KING-SIZED HOME -
THE IN-FIRMARY!
TO THE INFIR-MARY!!
WHO - MEGURU!? ARE YOU OKAY!?
OUCH

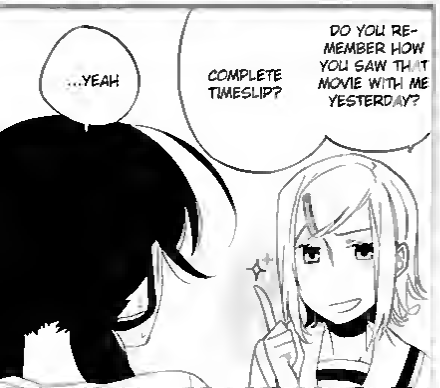
D-! she get hit that badly?
MAYBE IT'D BE BETTER IF YOU JUST STAYED HOME FOR TOMORROW'S SCHOOL TRIP.
NOTHING I DO COMES OUT RIGHT.
YOUR FACE GOT MESSED UP.
School Infirmary
hide
ARE YOU OKAY?
I CAN'T EVEN BE CONFIDENT ABOUT MY MEMORY.
SOMEONE ELSE IN MY CLASS..
Certainly if I stay in tomorrow, the bus jacking will still happen and I won't be able to save them...
But instead of me getting shot...
WHAT!? "WHY" WHAT?
WHYYYY KEI-CHAN??
UHH...
I CAN TELL EVERYONE TO STAY HOME TO-GETHER --
grab
whoosh
IS THAT SO?
BUT I CAN'T LET THE BUS JACKING HAPPEN TO SOMEONE ELSE

YOU'RE OKAY
AND THAT INCLUDES YOUR MIND.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

BUT CERTAINLY...
EVEN IF ..

DO YOU KNOW THE FUTURE? I DON'T. THIS IS JUST ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN
BUT SHOULDN'T I HAVE MEMORIES OF TODAY?


...YEAH
COMPLETE TIMESLIP?
DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU SAW THAT MOVIE WITH ME YESTERDAY?

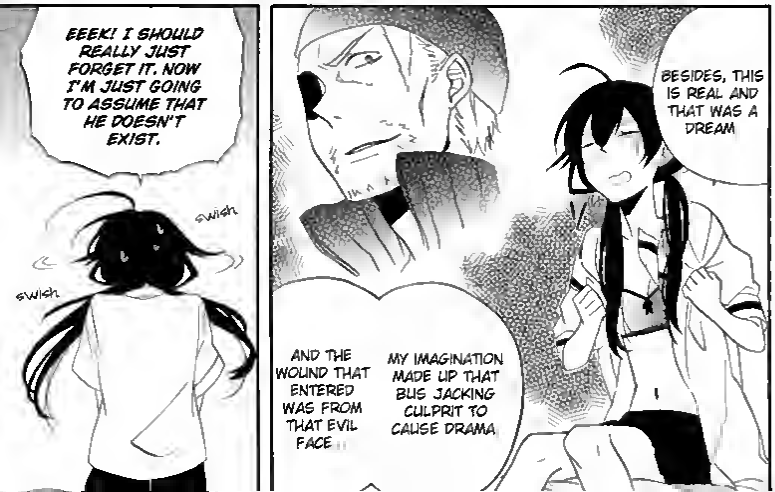
WHAT ABOUT TIMESLIP, MEGURU? ISN'T IT ASTOUNDING THAT YOU SOUND LIKE IT?
sigh
blink
UH...

BUT, I'M SO RELIEVEEEED!
gigk
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT...
REALLY. YOU'RE INFLUENCED EASILY, AREN'T YOU?
DOES THIS MEAN I'VE BEEN DREAMING THIS WHOLE TIME...?
THEN...THE BUS JACKING ISN'T GOING TO HAPPEN...!!
?
PREPARATIONS?
CAN'T YOU MAKE PREPARATIONS?
THIS STRANGE DELUSION YOU'RE OBSESSING OVER DOESN'T FIT THE OCCASION.
sigh
NO...BUT... STILL...THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE
ugh
WHEN WE'RE FACE TO FACE, I DON'T WORK WELL, AND I CAN'T SAY ANYTHING.
YOU NEED TO CONFESS ON THE SCHOOL TRIP!!
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO CONFESS!!
SURPRISE
AHH! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

IF I HAND HIM A LOVE LETTER GARNISHED WITH A PROMISE CAKE---
THIS WILL GO WELL! (I THINK)
A LOVE LETTER!
YASHIRO WOULD GLADLY ACCEPT A LOVE LETTER OR SOMETHING WITH YOUR FEELINGS IN IT
WELL, ISN'T IT OKAY TO GIVE HIM A LETTER?
OH - !! LET'S GO! LET'S CURE YOUR VIRGIN HEART WITH THIS RISKY PLAN!
OKAY! I HAVE TO DO THIS! I HAVE TO WRITE MY FEELINGS IN A LOVE LETTER!!
WILL YOU HELP ME BAKE A CAKE?
DAAAD!
OH? THIS IS RARE.
ケーキ屋 TOKIwA
I'M HOME!

WHAT ARE YOU BAKING FOR?
UHM . IT'S FOR ME TO GIVE TO SOMEONE BECAUSE IT'S EASY TO CARRY, BUT .
WHATCHA DOING? ARE YOU TELLING HIM ABOUT MR. BOYFRIEND?
TH-
THERE IS NO BOYFRIEND!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? MEGURU'S NOT READY FOR A BOYFRIEND SO QUI --
WHEN I GIVE IT TO HIM,
I'M HOPING HE'LL... BECOME MY BOYFRIEND.
GO CHANGE !!
OH MY.
TOO EARLY!
THAT'S NOT CORRECT.
AT THE MOST, HER LOVE WILL BE REQUITED. WILL YOU PLEASE GIVE HER THE SPECIAL CAKE?
chuckle
AM I MAKING THIS SPECIAL CAKE FOR THAT RASCAL.
GUU...
THE DEAD CAKE IS A LIE!!

HUH?
drop
WHERE'D I PUT THAT CUTE LETTER SET?
UHM, ANYWAY
megumi
I SHOULD WRITE IT WHILE HE'S BAKING THE CAKE
THE MOVIE PAMPHLET? I SHOULD READ IT TO BRUSH UP ON THIS STUFF
WITH THIS, IT'S FUNNY I SHOULD THINK OF WHAT HAPPENED


EEEK! I SHOULD REALLY JUST FORGET IT. NOW I'M JUST GOING TO ASSUME THAT HE DOESN'T EXIST.
swish
swish
BESIDES, THIS IS REAL AND THAT WAS A DREAM
MY IMAGINATION MADE UP THAT BUS JACKING CULPRIT TO CAUSE DRAMA
AND THE WOUND THAT ENTERED WAS FROM THAT EVIL FACE

AH - MEGURU! TOMORROW IT'S GOING TO RAIN.
I'LL CONFESS TO YOU DIFFERENTLY TOMORROW. I'M NOT SCARED, AM I?
WATCH OVER ME YASHIRO.
IT'D BE SCARY IF THE CAKE SHOP'S FOOD WAS POISONED.
chime
OH, HEY, MOM. DO YOU HAVE A CUTE ENVELOPE OR SOMETH!-?
Now we will tell you some extraordinary news
I EXPECT YOU TO TAKE AN UMBRELLA WHEN YOU GO
By the evening, nationwide, we'll have rain.
YEAH
We've recently heard some information
That the suspect attacked an officer and escaped

速報

Of an unknown age
Has a stolen officer's gun
For the people in the neighborhood, please stay on the alert.
川 秀容疑者

AN ENVELOPE? HEY, WAIT A MINUTE..
The culprit has a large gash on his fa

MEGURU!?
thump
IT'S NO MISTAKE.
THAT MAN
YOU MADE ME GET VIOLENT!
SEE WHAT HAPPENS
WHEN YOU DISOBEY ME!?
THUMP
THAT IS THE MAN WHO KILLED ME!!

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Rolan ~ The Forgotten King

I know that guy...
速報
Meguru got shot by the culprit on TV!
It's no mistake.
Tomorrow,
I'm going to be killed by that man!!
Back to the Jack
part 2

4か月連載特別読切！ 極フェス第2弾（後編）

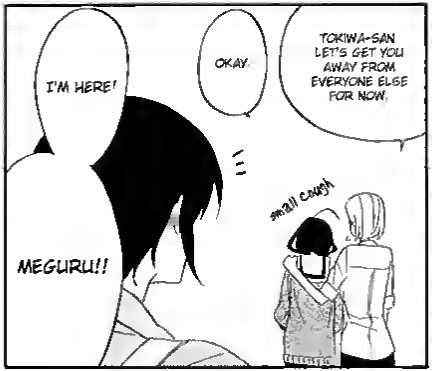
Back to the Jack

原作：新木場ユキ
作画：萩原ダイスケ
AUTHOR: SHINKIBA KOKI
ARTIST: HAGIWARA DAISUKE

The day of the school trip at 7:00AM
step
step
HEY, WHAT'S UP, TOKIWA?
SENSEI, I'VE BEEN FEELING BAD SINCE YESTERDAY. I NEED TO GO TO A HOSPITAL. IT'S THE FLU.
cough cough!
WHAT? THE FLU!?
IF THAT'S TRUE THEN THERE MIGHT BE AN EPIDEMIC.
COUGH
HACK!
COUGH!
COUGH, COUGH!
HACK!

WITH ME HAVING THE FLU, THE SCHOOL FIELD TRIP WILL DEFINITELY BE CANCELLED, I'M SURE.
CANCELLING IT WOULD BE BAD, BUT IF IT COULD GET HELD UP...

RUNS
WAIT RIGHT THERE! LET ME CALL THE TEMPORARY NURSE!
OKAY! COUGH!


I'M HERE!
OKAY.
TOKIWA-SAN LET'S GET YOU AWAY FROM EVERYONE ELSE FOR NOW.
small cough
MEGURU!!

The bus jacking will happen at 10 in the morning.
If we're not at the service area at that time, then we'll be okay

SURPRISED
I'M GLAD I STOPPED BY.
YOU FORGOT THE UMBRELLA
WH- MOM!?

ALRIGHT EVERYONE FORM TWO STRAIGHT LINES
silence
UM... WHY ARE YOU WEARING A MASK?
THIS MORNING YOU LEFT THE HOUSE BEFORE YOU HAD TIME TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH DIDN'T YOU?
O-KAY! ALL THREE CLASSES ARE HERE, CORRECT?
YEEES!
SORRY IN THE END MY SPIRIT IS...
YEAH
TOKIWA-SAN, WHEN IT'S A LIE ABOUT THE WORLD, IT SEEMS YOU SHOULDN'T LIE AT ALL...
HM... WELL WE'RE GOING ON THIS FUN FIELD TRIP, BUT...
BEFORE THAT, WE'LL HAVE TO DO ONE THING...
THAT IS...
A SUR-PRISE BAGGAGE CHECK.
DUN DUN DUN!
WHAT!?

SIGH
I'M GOING TO LEAVE THIS HERE UNTIL WE GET BACK TO SCHOOL
REALLY... YOU BOYS ARE GOING TO KILL ME, AREN'T YOU?
RUSTLE
DIDN'T I SAY THAT GAMES WILL BE USELESS FOR THIS TRIP?
YOU... YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE THIS DVD UNTIL YOU'RE 18 IN THE FIRST PLACE!
GYAAA
I GIVE UP
UHH...
JUST ONE MORE PERSON TOKIWA-SAN'S LUGGAGE
WHAT'S WRONG, KID?
ahhhh
RUSTLE
KOIS
I THOUGHT WE MIGHT NEED IT IN CASE IT WAS BROKEN
BUDDHA'S STATUE
uhhh...
JHAAE
WHY DO YOU HAVE ALL OF THESE WEAPONS? AND WHY, EXACTLY ARE YOU GOING TO KYOTO WITH THEM?
...

7:30 AM
ETC専用
VROOOOM
... EVEN THE MOST EXTREME CASE WON'T BE FORGIVEN, THREE TIMES OVER!
EVERYTHING'S OKAY. WE WON'T CARELESSLY BREAK BUDDHA'S STATUE, BECAUSE
CRIES
PAT PAT
huaaa
EVEN THOUGH I MADE PREPARATIONS AND BROUGHT THE WEAPONS, IT TURNED OUT FOR THE WORSE
UGH... IN THE END, WE STILL LEFT, DAMMIT
'MORNING!
'MORNING, EVERYONE!'
For the sake of time,
I want to live, but...
but
Maybe I should confess to him now, just in case...
SQUEEZE
I COULDN'T FIND SOMEONE TO GIVE ME SPECIAL HELP WITH MY LETTER AND CAKE, BUT...
MY PREPARATIONS SHOULD COME THROUGH FOR NOW

YASHIRO!!
HM...?
U-UH, I WANT TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, BUT...
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
ARE YOU LISTENING?
.....
I ALSO HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU...
I'm sorry
I'm a horribly indulgent person.
!?
QUICK MOTION
WHAT?
CONFUSED
WAA-YASHIRO, YOU'RE GONNA THROW UP!!
YOU GET SICK QUICKLY!!

haa...
I CAN'T HELP IT, BUT I'M NOT IN A MOOD TO CONFESS ANYMORE
IT'S NO USE IT'S BAD FOR YOU TO HAVE GOTTEN ON THE BUS, YOU KNOW
sigh
I'M REALLY SORRY
I have no choice but to confess while I'm still alive!!
This is ss i thought, after all

9:30 AM

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In spite of everything, here I go!
LISTEN. YOU HAVE A 30 MINUTE BATHROOM BREAK
I'LL GIVE YOU UNTIL ABOUT TEN O' CLOCK
I'm going to start looking for that damn person!!
STOMP!
Before getting on the bus,
LET'S GO!

But...
I won't find him on my own!!
CHATTER
CHATTER
So, if anyone...
"Found the escaped convict that was on TV," they should seize and restrain him!
Mom and Kei-chan..
I can't tell them that I went back in time.
BUMP
AHH!
EXCUSE-
CHATTER
CHATTER
THERE'S QUITE A FEW PEOPLE HERE...
SINCE IT'S THE MIDDLE OF OUR BREAK, FINDING HIM WILL BE DIFFICULT...

Th-
There he is!

BOMP
WAI-!

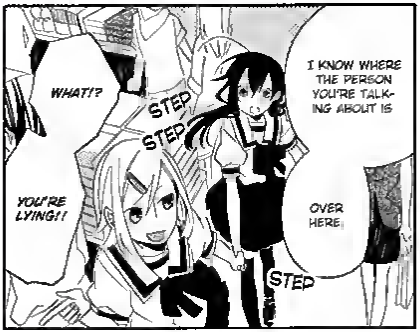
Why are you going to
HEY! WAIT!
WAIT A MINUTE!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

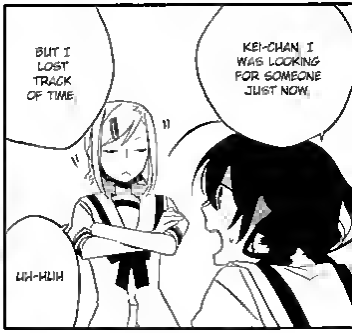
SURPRISE
AHH!
THUD
THUD
THUD
EX-EXCUSE ME!

WAIT A MINUTE!!
THE KNITTING SECTION PERSON IS OVER THERE!!
SHOUTS
This is terrible! I'm going to lose sight of him!
I've got to stall him somehow...
BUSTLE
BUSTLE
SURPRISED!
UHH...
turn
WHAT? YOU SAID THE KNITTING SECTION IS MY THING?
!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SILLY?
.....
UGH, NOW OTHERS WILL THINK I'M WEIRD
sigh...
?
AH, EXCUSE ME. I WAS TALKING TO THE WRONG PERSON.
BOW
BOW

THANKS
LET ME GIVE YOU A HAND

WHAT ARE YOU DOING KEI-CHAN!?
Hiccup
AH-HA! YOU KNOCKED OVER THE MERCHANDISE, DIDN'T YOU?
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
I THOUGHT SHE WAS THAT GUY


I KNOW WHERE THE PERSON YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS
OVER HERE
WHAT!?
YOU'RE LYING!!
STEP
STEP
STEP


KEI-CHAN, I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE JUST NOW.
BUT I LOST TRACK OF TIME.
HM-HMH

HE'S IN THE ARTS AND CRAFTS CORNER. WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM, "WHAT'S UP?"
WELL, I THINK IT'S FINE FOR HIM TO BE OVER THERE

LOOK, IT'S YASHIRO YOU WERE LOOKING FOR, RIGHT?
Arts and Crafts Corner
NOT AT ALL!!

realization
I have a feeling that everything will repeat itself.
So... I won't be able to stop the bus-jack from happening!
... HUH?
If I recall correctly, then Ker-chan will strike up conversation over there...
Right now, right?
木刀
UM! THIS WOODEN SWORD, PLEASE!
Ah-!-If I could get something to use, I could ambush and take down the culprit!!
IS THIS OKAY??
OKAY THANK YOU
RUN
SHOCK!
TO-KI-WA...
POOF!
AH! UH... SENSEI!
BUT THAT'S-!!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO EXPLAIN FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT BUDDHA'S STATUE WILL BE FINE?
EXCUSE ME THIS NEEDS TO BE RETURNED
MY STUPIDITY IS BEING RIDICULOUS
O-OKAY

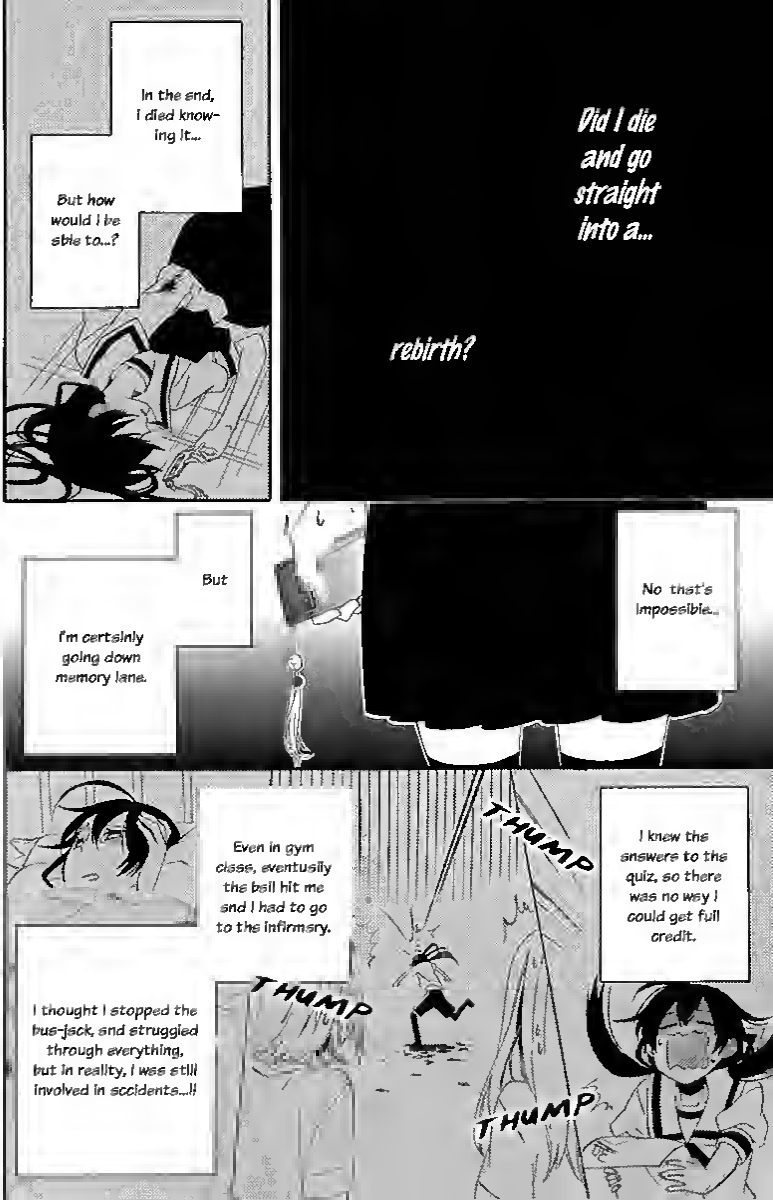
How many times are my efforts going to be interrupted!?
I don't have any more time!!

HOW ABOUT YOU TURN AROUND AND LOOK AT THE SOUVENIRS OVER HERE
THERE ARE A LOT OF BIG ONES.
ANYTHING WOULD BE GOOD AT THIS POINT
EVEN A ROCK WOULD HELP
GRAB

In just 15 minutes...

THESE ARE THE UNIQUE AND FAMOUS REVOLVING LANTERNS I WAS TALKING ABOUT
NO THERE AREN'T ANY WEAPONS...
ARE THERE WEAPONS?
WHAT THE HELL'S OVER THERE?
EH
sigh...
YEAH, YEAH
GASP

REVOLVING LANTERNS HAVE A SHADOW IMAGE THAT ROTATES ON A LANTERN. PEOPLE WOULD THEN COPY DOWN THE IMAGE.
PEOPLE DIED WHEN THEY BELIEVED THEIR MEMORIES WOULD BE REBORN. SPEAKING OF WHICH, THE SOUMATOU ORIGINATED HERE.
WELL, THEY BECAME A WORD SOURCE BACK THEN.
DIDN'T THAT GUY SAY THAT PEOPLE WATCHED THE REVOLVING LANTERNS AS THEY DIED?
?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS ABSOLUTELY HORRIBLE!!
IF I DIE RIGHT NOW DO YOU THINK MY VARIOUS EXPERIENCES COULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE REVOLVING LANTERN?
dejected
They died when their memories
Even I'll be able to see it, won't I?
Huh?
COULD YOU POSSIBLY BE HAPPY, KNOWING THAT SOMEONE WAS GOING TO KILL YOU IN THE END!?
IF YOU DIE SO SPONTANEOUSLY, THEN THAT MEANS THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE A MURDERER, RIGHT? THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I WANT TO SEE!!


In the end, I died knowing it...
But how would I be able to...?
Did I die and go straight into a...
rebirth?
But
I'm certainly going down memory lane.
No that's impossible...
Even in gym class, eventually the ball hit me and I had to go to the infirmary.
I knew the answers to the quiz, so there was no way I could get full credit.
I thought I stopped the bus-jack, and struggled through everything, but in reality, I was still involved in accidents...!!
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

FREEZE
Right now, I'm here, in front of a revolving lantern...
However, in all of my memory, there wasn't a single mention of this...!!

EXCUSE ME! I'D LIKE TO BUY THIS!
SORRY, THAT'S A SAMPLE... WE'RE SOLD OUT.
THEN THIS VASE IS GOOD, TOO!
WE... DON'T HAVE ANY OF THAT EITHER...
RUNS
Why am I—
GRAB
The revolving lantern may have stopped, but I'm not going to die!
THAT'S
THIS IS BAD. AFTER ALL, IN REALITY, I DIDN'T BUY ANYTHING, AND I COULDN'T BUY ANY WEAPONS.
AL-READY!?
HEY! YOU'VE GOT TEN MIN-UTES LEFT
COME ON BACK TO THE BUS!
TICK

WELCOME
WAIT!
ONE LIGHTER
I DON'T WANT TO D-!

WOULD YOU LIKE TAPE WITH THAT?
Huh?
BEEP
SURE

What is this guy...?
No way.

Why?
What are you bus-jacking us for?
Why do you have to bus-jack US?
What if I can't stop him?
As I thought, my body won't move...
TREMBLE
That can't be right, with him here...
First of all, when I watched that, my feelings were at odds with it. But in reality I was seeing his picture. Even so, maybe I'm not remembering that right... but I...
I saw your photograph on TV
I don't want to...
How could I want... Why do you do it? Is there anything about snatching lanterns in it?
I can't deny that I don't want to go.
LET'S GET BACK TO THE BUS MEGURU
YEAH...

REALIZES
HUH?
I can't see it, because the water bottle is sticking out
After all, I didn't even see that guy when he got on the bus.
The gun is in that bag isn't it?
Wait.
That water bottle——
What... did he say about shooting me precisely with it?
I have this horrible premonition... that something else is going to happen.
Why...
ONE LIGHTER
...does he need to buy a lighter?
If that's a mineral water bottle,
then where did he get the brown water?

That liquid is... oil...!?
He... He's planning to set the bus on fire!!
TREMBLE
If I could only catch up and tell everyone to run away
TREMBLE
Isn't everyone already on their way there?
Kei-chan
Yashiro...!
There's the bus!
one out of everyone...!!
TREMBLE

THEY WATCHED THE REVOLVING LANTERNS WHILE THEY WERE STILL LIVING.
LIKE A GHOST?
WHAT IF SOMEONE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT "SEEING SOMETHING BEFORE DEATH"?
WHAT IF THE MESSAGE IN THE REVOLVING LANTERNS WAS A LIE?
WHY...? WHY IS THIS HAPPENING...?
—— So that's it
I'm still alive.
SO IT'S POSSIBLE
THAT THEY COULD HAVE SEEN A BIT OF THE END BEFORE THEM.
If I live,
I can't save everyone!!!
Being a little late is even better, but...
CHIME
we won't be there to die.
SWISH
If we stay here,

10:03
CHIME

That's it!
The water bottle.
IF I LEAVE THIS AS IS, WE'LL ALL PROBABLY DIE SHIT
I GOT SHOT, SO NOW MY HEAD IS HOT AND MY EYE-SIGHT IS HAZY...
haa
NO WAY... IN FACT, HAS IT ONLY BEEN THREE MINUTES?
I WENT BACK!!
SWING
LET'S
GO OO OO OO OO !!
I'm going to get rid of this now!!
breeze
I'm not going to die for nothing!
WADDLE
THROWS
WHAT!?

STOMP
N-NOW DIE!!
AH!
THUD
THIS...
WHAT THE HELL'D YOU DO THAT FOR?
THE GASO-LINE!
UGH!
ARE YOU STILL ALIVE, YOU BITCH?
PLOP
STOP!
JUMP
DON'T GIVE IN TO THIS FREAK!!
GOD WILL PUNISH YOU FOR THIS!!

I don't want either of us to be dead.
Yashiro, you idiot! In the end, you won't be able to fix this.
THE HELL? GOD WILL PUNISH...?
YASHIRO, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE COME!
I KNOW THIS IS BAD TIMING.
BUT PLEASE ACCEPT THIS...
RUSTLE
YASHIRO...
At least I could have confessed...
Ah, there's my seat
BANG!
WE ALREADY TALKED ABOUT IT, YOU IDIOT!!
I KNOW!

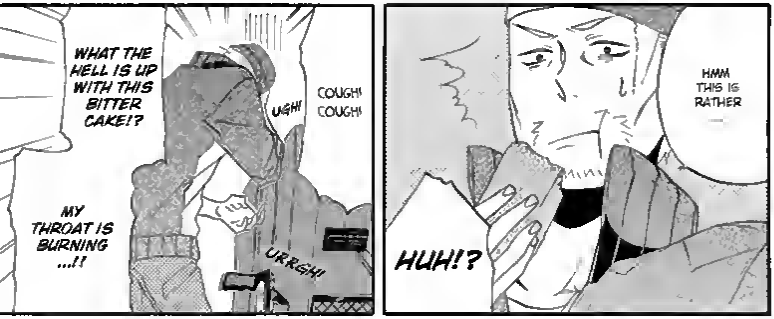
STOMP
THAT WAS TOO MUCH, STUPID KID.
THUD
YASHIRO!!
PLONK!
grinds
I'M JUST GLAD IT'S THIS GIRL'S FAULT THAT I SHOT HIM, TOO AND THE FACT THAT I'M RUNNING LOW ON WEAPONS
DAMN IT.
GRIN
DON'T... DON'T READ THAT OUT LOUD!!
N-NO!!
HUH?
rustle
WHAT'S THIS...? A LETTER?

DEAR YASHIRO MAMORU-KUN,
WHEN I SEE YOUR FACE, I CAN'T BY ANY MEANS TALK TO YOU PROPERLY, SO I WROTE A LETTER
I LIKE YOU.
YOU GAVE ME A BELL THAT MAKES A PRETTY NOISE AS I THINK OF YOUR FACE, MY HEART IS BEATING RAPIDLY
I GO TO YOUR FAMILY'S SHRINE EVERY MORNING, AND OCCASIONALLY CLEAN IT AFTER SEEING YOU THAT IS GOD'S BIGGEST GRACE TO ME

My very important life's work. A love letter.
Yashiro should be the one to read it
AHA HA HA HA!
THAT'S A RATHER NICE SENTENCE, AIN'T IT?
HMM?
wave
This man...
relaxed
is reading it aloud,
in front of every-one
rustle
rustle
in the class,
but the person it's for...
isn't even listening!!!

EVEN SO, I HOPE YOU'RE GLAD THAT I INCLUDED THE CAKE THAT I MADE
SETTE
RIGHT NOW, MY INSIDES ARE SHAKING
I ADMIT THIS IS A REGRETTABLE ATTEMPT
SINCE MY BODY IS IMPOSSIBLE AROUND YOU...

—— I can't accept this.



I absolutely cannot forgive him.

OMINOUS
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU.
SNATCH
"Hit a homerun, okay?"

"Don't just use strength."
"If you hit using your waist, then..."
"THE BALL WILL FLY!"
SWISH
WA-
COUGH.
COUGH.
I WILL SWING...
AND ELIM-INATE!
SMACK!

SLASH
H...
HOMERUN...
SHE BROKE THE UMBRELLA...
THE GUY FAINTED!!
THAT WAS AMAZING, TOKIWA!!
WOO
OW!!
KEEP HIM DOWN! GIVE ME SOMETHING TO TIE HIM UP WITH!!
FOR THE FIRST TIME, I THOUGHT WE WERE ALL REALLY GOING TO DIE!
WHAT A RELIEF! YOU SAVED US!
...
KAAA
THANKS A TON!
MEGU-
TURNS

EVERY-ONE, OVER THERE!
BANG!
DON'T MOVE ONE BIT!!!
BAM!
...HUH?

E-E-EV-EVERY ONE LISTENED TO IT, RIGHT?
PANT
PANT
MY LOVE LETTER ?
WITHOUT AN ADULT, YOU'LL HEM-ORRHAGE!
ARE YOU CON-FUSED?
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING, MEGURU?
SHAKE
CHATTER
!?
SHUT UP!!
I WAS DEFINITELY ASLEEP WHEN THAT HAPPENED!
SHAKES HEAD
GULPS
NO! WE DIDN'T LISTEN TO IT! WE DIDN'T LISTEN TO IT!
I WAS THINKING ABOUT SOME-THING ELSE!
I DIDN'T EITHER!

BAM
BAM
NOOO OOOO OOO!!
BUT... TO LURK THERE EVERY MORNING THAT'S A BIT STALKER-ISH, I WOULD THINK.
You know

WADDLE
NOO OO!
PUT DOWN YOUR GUN!!
RE-LAX!
TWITCH
SHOCK
WE'RE GOING TO DIE!!!
YOU IDIOT! WE'LL BE SAVED, SOME-HOW!!

SCRAMBLE
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WEREN'T WE JUST TALKING ABOUT THE RE-VOLVING LAN-TERNS...?
..... HUH? JUST NOW I WAS HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH SENSEI ABOUT.....

TCH
I REGRET NOT ASKING YOU THIS WHILE WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE REVOLVING LANTERNS
AHH... TOKIWA I WASN'T ABLE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT I WANTED TO

I LIKED YOUR LETTER.
WILL YOU PLEASE GO ON A DATE WITH ME?

I FEEL SCARED
SWAY

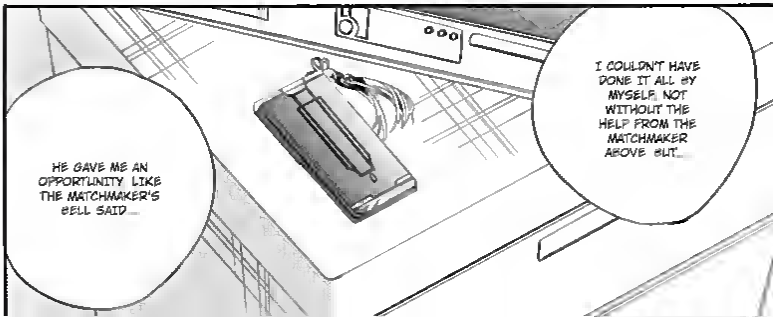
SLOWLY

I'LL GET VIOLENT WITH YOU...
CHECK HER PULSE!!
MEGU-RU!?
THUD
AN AMBU-LANCE! CALL AN AMBU-LANCE!!!
HEY, TO-KIWA!!
CHIME

3 days later
佐倉汎病院
CHIME

YOU KNOW, YOUR DAD KEEPS COMING OVER EVERY DAY TALKING ABOUT DEATH AND CAKE...
?
I'M SORRY...
We're still being kept in the same hospital.
THANKS FOR STILL BEING HERE WITH ME
NO, IT'S OKAY

AH... WELL I WOULD LIKE TO GO OUT WITH YASHIRO...
BLUSH
FOR NOW I'LL JUST GIVE GOD THANKS
I'M BEING DISCHARGED, BUT... IF YOU GET LET OUT SOON, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO SOMEWHERE WITH ME?
LIKE A DATE...?


HE GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY LIKE THE MATCHMAKER'S BELL SAID...
I COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT ALL BY MYSELF, NOT WITHOUT THE HELP FROM THE MATCHMAKER ABOVE BUT...

CERTAINLY, WE HAVE TO THANK HIM FOR LOVE.
THAT'S WHAT I SAY.
IT'S ALL THE JAPANESE GOD'S WHIM.
HE'S EXPECTED US TO FACE ENOUGH FEARS, YOU KNOW.
WHY DID YOU GRAB A TAXI AND HEAD OVER TO THE SERVICE AREA JUST TO BUS-JACK SOMEONE?
I DON'T GET WHY YOU DIDN'T LEAVE, EITHER!!
I DON'T FUCKING KNOW WHY!!
YELL
WHAT ON EARTH WAS YOUR REASON FOR DOING THIS!?
I CAME TO THE SERVICE AREA, JUST AS I HEARD THE SOUND OF A BELL...
CHIME
THAT SOUND KEPT TELLING ME SOMETHING ABOUT "THE URGENCY OF LOVE".
SOMETHING CALLED TO ME.

THANK YOU, GOD.
WE'D LIKE TO THANK
YOU VERY MUCH.
THANKS TO YOU,
MY FEELINGS FOR
TOKIWA WERE
RETURNED
BOW
BOW
THANKS TO YOU,
MY FEELINGS FOR
MAMORU-KUN
WERE RETURNED
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THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
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